

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The motion to return LB 184 initially as some of you know I had amendments printed in the Legislative Journal yesterday. This is Senator DeCamp's litter bill. Yesterday I had amendments printed in the Journal on 184 to raise the tax in Senator DeCamp's bill from .015% to .05% to raise more money. What I was interested in was raising about two and a half million dollars if LB 184 is to accomplish anything. Since that time, I have looked at the issue and decided that it would not be good to adopt that specific amendment. I asked to return LB 184 to Select File for the purpose of striking the enacting clause. My proposed amendment on 184 necessitated a lot of study and we look, came across a great deal of unanswered questions with respect to LB 184 as it is currently. This morning we hurriedly put together...Mr. President, can anybody hear me out there? Could we have some order, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Could we break up some of these conversations in the center aisle please. We are having some trouble hearing. We need more order on the floor. Thank you.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, I am moving to return LB 184 to Select File to strike the enacting clause....

PRESIDENT: It is still...we can't hear very well up here even though the microphones are on.

SENATOR CULLAN: To strike the enacting clause. I feel that there are a number of unanswered questions with respect to LB 184, and I have put on each of your desks a list of questions, many of which I do not feel have been discussed at all. It is interesting to note that many of us have had questions with respect to 184 on Select...General File and on Select File and it is also interesting to note that debate was ceased on General File on March 6th and again on Select File on the 15th of March. Although many of us have had these concerns, we have not had the opportunity to raise them. Of course, these concerns were not raised in committee because there was no committee hearings on LB 184. One of the key factors in my deciding to return...ask to return this bill to Select File to strike the enacting clause was the fiscal impact of LB 184. Earlier this morning we contacted the State Treasurer's office and...or the State Tax Commissioner's office and obtained some estimates from him. The State Tax Commissioner estimates that to collect the \$868,000 which would be collected under LB 184 would cost the state approximately \$629,000. According to the Tax Commissioner's estimates it would cost us 71¢, approximately 71¢ to collect a dollar. Now that is surely incredible. I can't believe that the Legislature is going to pass a bill that might have that type of an impact. Now the Fiscal Analyst's office believes that the estimates provided to us by the Tax Commissioner are high, but even if he is over estimated himself twice, it would still cost us 35¢ to collect a dollar. I think that this is not a good piece of legislation. Obviously it is going to cost us a lot to collect the money under LB 184 and I don't believe the amount we are going to collect is going to be sufficient to solve the litter problems that we are attempting to solve. Also, I have learned that we talk about...for the average tax collections in the State of Nebraska it takes about 1½¢ to